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SUBJECT: U. S. AID TO ICELAND

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE AND EUR/ IB DIRECTOR RABENOLD JUNE 20, PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER PATRICIO REFERRED TO STATEMENTS MADE BY SECRETARY ROGERS AT NATO MINISTERIAL IN COPENHAGEN CONCERNING U. S. AID TO ICELAND. ACCORDING TO PATRICIO SECRETARY ROGERS INDICATED THAT ICELAND WAS RECEIVING SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BENEFIT FROM PRESENCE U. S. FORCES IN ICELAND. PATRICIO INTERPRETED THESE REMARKS TO MEAN THAT ICELAND WAS RECEIVING SUBSTANTIAL BUDGETARY SUBVENTION FROM USG IN EXCHANGE FOR KEFLAVIK BASE RIGHTS. CONTRASTING THIS WITH COMPENSATION PORTUGAL IS RECEIVING FOR AZORES, HE OBSERVED THAT APPARENTLY KEFLAVIK WAS CONSIDERED MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE AZORES.

2. U. S. OFFICIALS PRESENT GAVE AS THEIR OPINION THAT SECRETARY WAS UNDOUBTEDLY REFERRING TO THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS ACCRUING TO ICELAND FROM THE PRESENCE OF U. S.
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FORCES IN THE FORM OF PURCHASES, CONTRACTS, LOCAL SALARIES, ETC. , BUT UNDERTOOK TO CONFIRM THIS IMPRESSION.

3. IT CLEAR THAT PORTUGUESE ARE WATCHING ICELAND DEVELOPMENTS VERY CLOSELY WITH VIEW TO ENHANCING QUID PRO QUO FOR AZORES WHEN NEGOTIATIONS FOR BASE RENEWAL RESUME THIS YEAR. WE WOULD HOPE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REPORT TO PATRICIO THAT U. S. BASE RIGHTS IN ICELAND ARE UNCOMPENSATED BY AN AID PACKAGE, BUT THAT IN FACT ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT PROVIDES BASE GEOGRAPHY AS CONTRIBUTION TO COMMON NATO EFFORT. WE WOULD HOPE PORTUGUESE WOULD DRAW SIMILAR ANALOGY WITH RESPECT TO AZORES. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING U. S. AID TO ICELAND AND ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AID AND BASE RIGHTS THERE.
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